



Bulletin



October 2014

From the Pres

Wey K8EAB



The SEDXC welcomes Stephen A. Parker – NZ4Z of Harrodsburg, KY to our ranks. A visit to his QRZ page will leave many of us drooling with envy at his antenna and rig. Check it out at www.qrz.com/db/NZ4Z

Welcome aboard, Steve!

Happenings

This year's HamJam promises to be another very interesting half-day. The date is Saturday, November 8th, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Details are here: <http://www.hamjam.info/>

The Stone Mountain Hamfest is fast approaching ... SEDXC will have its usual table. Activities Manager John Tramontanis – N4TOL needs your assistance to help man the table ... the date is November 1-2 ... details are here: <http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com/>

I did not attend SEDCO this year ... perhaps one of our members who did attend can give a brief report at the

continued on page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 From the Pres
- 1 Veep's Report
- 2 Activities Chairman Report
- 3 Treasurer's Journal
- 3 How's DX?
- 4 DXpedition Funding Request

Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting

At our last month's meeting, Hal Kennedy, N4GG, presented us with a very interesting program predicting antenna performance without modeling. Several members commented afterwards that they intended to dig into the software programs about this topic and learn more about the impact of terrain between their antenna and the DX location.



l-r: Vaden NN4K, Hal N4GG, Wey K8EAB

This Month's Meeting



Bernie McClenny, W3UR

Update on the top 25 Most Wanted DXCC Entities

www.sedxc.org/October16.htm

Bernie McClenny was first licensed as WB3JRU in September 1977 and quickly became interested in working DX. In 1991 he changed his call sign to WR3E and became a member of the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll at the age of 27. Current records show 340 Entities Worked/ 340 Entities Confirmed.

On November 4, 1996 WR3E was exchanged under the Vanity Call program for W3UR. In March 1997, Bernie started the first daily e-mail DX Bulletin called The Daily DX. In the summer of the following year he was asked and

continued from page 1

October meeting. Photos of this year's event are here:

<http://www.w4dxcc.com/TheArchives/Convention2014/2014PhotoAlbum.aspx>

HR-4969 continues to add co-sponsors. As of September 18, 2014, forty-seven Representatives had added their names to the list. HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants.

The Ham Shack Workbench

Many of our members have adopted the Anderson PowerPole connectors for power supplies and rigs. Whether crimped or soldered, these connectors speed 12-VDC connections in the shack or the field and virtually eliminate polarity errors.

A company named Hardened Power Systems has introduced two new products that can help hams mount PowerPole connectors into a chassis. Anderson AutoGrips, now available in a single or double mounting configuration, provide solid mounting for PowerPole connectors. Info is here:

<http://www.portableuniversalpower.com/our-products/anderson-autogrips/>

I recently used their single AutoGrip to replace a Molex connector on the backplane of a Gamma Research HPS-1a portable power supply. While a pigtail adapter can be made to provide a Molex-to-PowerPole connector for this power supply, such an adapter is easily lost or forgotten when packing for a trip.

BEFORE



AFTER



My YouTube video is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ghqz3Zsic3s>

I have no connection with Hardened Power Systems ... I use and like their AutoGrip products. My next "mod" will be to add Anderson PowerPole connectors to my SAMLEX SEC-1235M Power Supply using the 2-up AutoGrip.

DX Is

Zorro – JH1AJT gave out nearly 4,500 E3ØFB QSO's and lots of ATNO's in five days of limited operation. His operating statistics can be viewed here (click on "Statistics"):

<https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=E30FB#r>

Thanks to his and others' efforts, Eritrea should now be on the air more often. Keep scanning the various publications and Internet resources. "Announced DX Operations" (AD XO) is here: <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

DX World is another resource:

<http://www.dx-world.net/>

Bernie McClenny's The Daily DX, The Weekly DX, and How's DX are all excellent resources.

Monthly Meetings, Etc.

At the September meeting, the proposed changes to the SEDXC Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously adopted. Members may view the revised Constitution here:

sedxc.org/constitution.htm

This month, we will have a "Remote Presentation" ... our speaker is Bernie McClenny – W3UR, who will update SEDXC meeting attendees on the Top 20/25 DXCC Entities. Bernie will speak right after introductions, so don't be late to this meeting!

VP Vaden McDonald – NN4K continues to work to secure speakers for future meetings. Your suggestions concerning potential speakers or other meeting related events are always welcome.

Please remember we need your contribution to the door prize table at the meeting.

73 and Good DX!

Wey K8EAB ❖

Activities Chairman

In November, there will be two major amateur radio events in the Atlanta area. The Stone Mountain Hamfest will be held on November 1st and 2nd. The SEDXC will be present there with a club booth and all are welcome to participate. Details for the hamfest can be found at www.stonemountainhamfest.com. Also, on the following Saturday, November 8th, is HamJam 2014 featuring a list of prominent speakers and lots of great prizes. Information for HamJam 2014 can be found at <http://www.hamjam.info>.

John N4TOL ❖

SEDXC OFFICERS

President: Wey Walker, K8EAB
Weymouth01@comcast.net

Vice President: Vaden McDonald, NN4K
vadenmac@aol.com

Secretary: Buzz Kutcher, K3GWK
backacre348@att.net

Treasurer: Jeffrey Cantor, K1ZN
k1zn@att.net

Activities: John Tramontanis, N4TOL
iam4rb@aol.com

Appointed Positions

SEDXC Bulletin Editor: Clark Macaulay, WU4B
clark.macaulay@gmail.com

Membership Committee Chairman
Bill Barr, N4NX
n4nx@arll.net

Webmaster: Chaz cone, W4GKF
w4gkf@chazcone.com

Club Communications

SEDXC Webpage: www.sedxc.org

SEDXC Chat Room: details on webpage

SEDXC Reflector: details on webpage

SEDXC Bulletin is published monthly by the Southeastern DX Club. All opinions expressed by the contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, officers, or club. All rights reserved. ❖

accepted as the editor of QST's "How's DX?" column. In March 2001 he purchased The 599 DX Report and renamed it The Weekly DX.

Bernie has operated from two all-time new DXCC entities - [E44DX](#) in Gaza, [Palestine](#) and [4W/W3UR](#) in Baucau, [East Timor](#). Other DXpeditions include [A61AJ](#), [AH3D](#), [OHØ/W3UR](#), [VU4AN](#), [YU8/OH2R](#) (Kosovo), [8P9UR](#) and [J77A](#). He has also been a guest op multiple times at [4U1UN](#).

When not writing or on DXpeditions, Bernie can often be found on the air chasing new ones in the DXCC Challenge.

Bernie has created two [PowerPoint presentations](#) for reference and aid in working DX:

W3UR - [Internet Resources.ppt](#)
W3UR - [How To Find And Work DX.ppt](#)

SEDCO (South East DX and Contesting Organization)

The SEDCO Convention 2014 was held in Pigeon Forge, TN on September 27th. I counted about twelve members from the SEDXC in attendance. Friday evening we heard presentations of Humorous DX Stories and K9LA, Carl, discussed Propagation in 2014. Saturday was packed with 10 half hour presentations by several well known and famous DXers. It was like walking around in the neighborhood of the Who's Who in DXCC world. Put this convention on your list of activities for next year. There were approximately 250 in attendance. The food and service were very good. You won't be disappointed.

Vaden NN4K ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Deposits during month = \$60.
Payments made = \$400 to VU4KC DXpedition as voted upon
\$10 expenses reimbursement to officers.
Bank Account Balance on 10/03/2013 = \$10,514.24

We have one DXpedition Funding Request from Tromelin to vote on at the next meeting.

Jeff K1ZN ❖

HOW'S DX?

FT4TA – TROMELIN ISLAND (October 30th to November 10th, 2014). Details are here:
<http://www.tromelin2014.com/en>

For summaries of all DXpeditions:
ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html ❖

DXpedition Funding Request

Entity Name / Call Sign	Tromelin
Web page	www.tromelin2014.com
Team leader / number of members:	Marc Jouanny FB8BK + 5 operators
Approx. Date of DXpedition	November 2014
QSL manager / QSL route	Club Log used when on the air QSL route LOTW usage not indicated on Website
Budget estimated for DXpedition	\$90,000
Position on most wanted list:	Top 10 (#9 ClubLog)
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes
Last time this entity was activated	2000
Typical interval between activations	At this time, no additional authorizations are planned
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	No
Objective / Strategy	New country for all that need it. 4 Stations around the clock
SEDXC member initiating request	K1ZZI
SEDXC member(s) participating	None
Funding amount requested	
Send Funds to:	
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	
SEDXC logo on web page?	